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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a valve including a housing with a valve seat for a two-piece flap which is rotatably mounted on a drive shaft. An annular piston seal and an adjacent cover disk are disposed between the first part and the second part of the two-piece flap so as to revolve there-around. The diameter of the cover disk is smaller than the diameter of the annular piston seal which is embodied as a metal ring that is provided with a gap. The invention also relates to the use of said valve as a gas recirculation valve.